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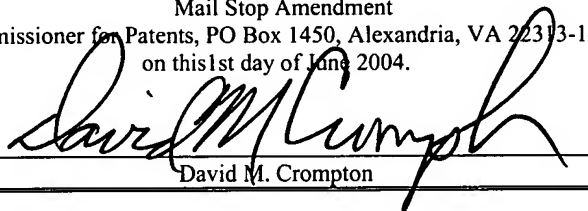
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed and brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the instant application relies on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 10/454,269 filed June 4, 2003, under 35 U.S.C. § 120. The information disclosure statement submitted in the earlier application is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each non-U.S. patent/publication document or other information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided, with the exception of the references cited in the earlier application which are not required to be provided for this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).


No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

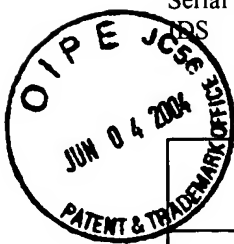
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